

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3505, as Amended**

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TO: The Honorable Harry F. Cato, Chairman, House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee
FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board
ANALYSTS: R.J. Stein
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AUTHOR: Representative Harrell PRIMARY CODE CITE: Joint Resolution
SUBJECT: Ports Authority Construction of New Terminal in Jasper County

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3505, as amended, clarifies the Ports Authority's responsibilities and time-line for constructing new terminal facilities in Jasper County, after the condemnation lawsuit and all appeals have been concluded. The Bill suspends, for three years, Jasper County's authority to condemn property within the area designated for construction of the new terminal. The Committee Amendment creates the Savannah River Maritime Commission composed of seven members. Agencies are to provide staff, mileage, subsistence and per diem while the Attorney General is to provide professional and clerical support.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Ports Authority

There is no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal or Other funds as a result of this Bill. The Ports Authority indicates that it has already committed funds, none of which are appropriated by the General Assembly, to accomplish all the activities outlined in this Bill.

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) and Department of Natural Resources

There is no additional cost to DHEC related to the issuance of water quality permits. However, there will be additional costs for both agencies related to support of the work of the Maritime Commission. These costs will be absorbed by the agency using their existing resources.

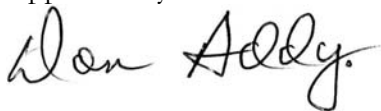
Attorney General's Office

The Attorney General's Office reports that it would require 1.00 new FTE for a Paralegal to support the Commission professionally and clerically at an annual cost to the General Fund of \$55,300 for salary, fringe and other operating expenses.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Subsistence, mileage and per diem cost are estimated at \$235 per meeting for legislative members of the commission and \$190 for non-legislative members.

Approved by:



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